



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Agency Information Collection Activities; National Heritage Areas Program Annual Reporting Forms.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the National Park Service (NPS) are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) to NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer (ADIR-ICCO), National Park Service, phadrea_ponds@nps.gov (email). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1024-0287 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR by mail, contact Elizabeth Vehmeyer, Assistant Coordinator, National Heritage Areas Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 7508, Washington, DC 20240 (mail); or at elizabeth_vehmeyer@nps.gov (email) or (202)354-2215 (telephone). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1024-0287 in the subject line of your comments. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of

hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility.

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: National Heritage Areas (NHAs), as authorized by the Historic Sites Act of 1935, as amended (54 USC Ch. 3201) are places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. The NHA program includes 49 heritage areas and is administered by NPS coordinators in Washington, DC, and six regional offices—Anchorage, San Francisco, Denver, Omaha, Philadelphia, and Atlanta—as well as local park unit staff.

The NPS uses the following forms to monitor the progress of each heritage area on the implementation of management plans and performance goals:

- 10-320 *Annual Program Report—Part I Funding Report*, NPS NHA Program Office uses the information collected to allocate funds, prepare the annual NPS Budget Justification, and respond to directives from Congress.
- 10-321 *Annual Program Report—Part II Progress Report*, NPS NHA Program Office and regional program offices use the information collected to track each heritage area management or coordinating entity's progress on management plan implementation. The NPS uses the information in

the annual program reports and publications to inform individual heritage area evaluations.

Title of Collection: National Heritage Areas Program Annual Reporting Forms.

OMB Control Number: 1024-0287.

Form Number: 10-320 and 10-321.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: NHA Coordinating Entities; Not-for-profit entities; Federal Commissions; Institutions of Higher Education; State and local governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 108.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 10 to 40 hours, depending on activity and form type.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,700 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency may not conduct, or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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